

BERLIN WISHES FIRST TO BE HEARD FROM ON LATE SUBMARINE DISASTER

VERDICT REACHED IN THREE MINUTES BY CORONER'S JURY IN FRANK CASE; NO ONE HELD

Hearing Transferred to Marietta Court House to Accommodate Curious.

JURY ALL RESIDENTS

Eastern Firm Turns Down Atlanta Order Because of Illegal Execution.

Marietta, Ga., Aug. 24.—Without having failed to obtain from any one of the 11 witnesses a single clue as to the identity of any person connected with the lynching of Lee M. Frank, near this city, last Tuesday morning, a coroner's jury today returned a verdict that Frank came to his death by hanging at the hands of parties unknown. The jury was out three minutes.

City and county officials testified they had endeavored diligently to get at the facts of the lynching, but so far their efforts had been of no avail.

"Of course, you know these things are kept pretty close and are hard to find out," said Mayor E. P. Dobbs of Marietta.

Deputy Sheriff Hicks and City Marshal Looney stated they were working hard on the case, but at this time could throw no light on the identity of the parties who participated in the lynching.

The nearest disclosure as to what happened in the oak grove near the Free gin came from I. A. Benson, a Marietta merchant, who drove by the place soon after the lynching party had parked its automobiles by the roadside and had led Frank to the tree where death awaited him.

Mr. Benson said he had a "pretty good suspicion" as to what was going on, but he did not stop to see it and he did not recognize anybody in the party.

When the time for the jury to assemble arrived, the coroner decided to transfer the inquest to the county court house to accommodate the large crowd on hand to hear the testimony. A suggestion to have the sessions secret was not adopted.

Attorney John T. Dorsey of Marietta represented the state of Georgia. Gordon Gunn acted as special attorney for Coroner Booth. The jury was composed of six residents of the county, Dr. W. H. Perkins being the foreman.

Find Body Still Warm.

Dr. C. D. Elder, the first witness called to the stand, testified to viewing the body of Frank while it was still hanging in the oak grove near the Fry cotton gin. Dr. Elder did not know Frank personally, but was told the body was that of Frank. He was not present when the body was cut down. When he arrived at the scene of the lynching the body still was warm.

"Do you know any of the circumstances surrounding the hanging?" asked Mr. Dorsey.

"Absolutely nothing," replied the witness.

"You were among the first to reach the scene?"

"Yes, sir."

"How many people were present when you arrived?"

"Perhaps half a dozen."

"Do you know who they were?"

"Yes, sir."

"Please name them," requested Mr. Gunn.

"As I came up, two men were running out of the woods. One of them was Joe Carter and the other was a man they told me was representing The Associated Press. I also saw W. J. Frey, E. L. Robinson and W. A. Sims."

Dr. W. M. Kemp, another physician, testified that Frank's death was due to strangulation.

Thought Lynchers Joy Riders.

J. Bart Wing, a Cobb county commissioner, was the next witness. He also was among the first to reach the scene.

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Boston Welcomes Governors.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 24.—The welcome of the state and city was extended to governors and former governors of more than thirty states by Governor David I. Walsh and Mayor James M. Curley at the opening session of the governors' conference in the senate chamber at the state house today.

Tractors Demonstrated.

Bloomington, Ill., Aug. 24.—Fifty varieties of tractors, operating over 700 acres of land, gave demonstrations of plowing today before 10,000 farmers. A representative of the Austrian government, which is said to be in the market for tractors, was present.

FOOD FAMINE IN FLOOD DISTRICTS

Two Thousand Residents of Valley Park, Mo., Face Desperate Situation—Many Homeless.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 24.—Active work to prevent pestilence in the flood-swept towns and resorts along the Meramec river valley, which was flooded Sunday, began today.

The city waterworks of Valley Park, 19 miles from St. Louis, is out of commission and most of the drinking water comes from a well on a church lot. Most of the other wells are contaminated.

The sheriff of St. Louis county today gave orders that no one should stay in a house in the flooded district longer than a few minutes.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 24.—Two thousand residents of Valley Park, Mo., who were made homeless last Sunday when the 35 foot rise of the Meramec river flooded that city with ten to fifteen feet of water, today faced a food and drinking water shortage, which threatened to result disastrously.

Twenty-five truck loads of food were rushed to the flood refugees from suburbs of St. Louis yesterday, but this was consumed before the night was over. Valley Park still was without light and today the factories gave no hope of early employment to the homeless and unemployed men.

The one saloon in Valley Park, in and out of which a steady stream of canoes has passed since the first day of the flood, was visited by county authorities last night, when citizens protested "there was trouble enough without whisky."

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 24.—Little Rock today faced its fourth gas famine this year as the result of a break in the main at Red River near Lewisville, caused by the high water. Local officials announced that the supply of gas would be exhausted by noon tomorrow.

Hot Springs, Pine Bluff and a number of other Arkansas towns also will be affected.

Newport this morning was partly cut off from the outside world by the flood waters of White river, except for long distance telephone communication.

Train service in and out of Newport was entirely demoralized, the Iron Mountain main line and the White River division tracks being covered by water to a depth ranging from three to twelve feet.

About four thousand residents of Newport and vicinity are crowded into two local hotels, the court house, the Iron Mountain depot and a few homes into which the water did not rise. The only drinking water is secured from the Iron Mountain pumping station.

Telephone communication was resumed with Batesville last night. Refugees who were taken there from Oil Trough, denied that a family of five persons were drowned in the overflow in the bottoms near Oil Trough.

The steamboats Mary C. Lucas and Muskogee continue to bring in refugees from the flooded districts.

Galveston, Texas, Aug. 24.—The street railway and light services are expected to resume operations before night. The gas plant has been in operation several days.

Weather conditions remain favorable today for the work of clearing the streets and extending relief. There is an abundant supply of disinfectants, which are being distributed free.

There have been no additions to the casualty lists, either in this city or at other coast points.

WOMEN ARE DENIED AUDIENCE BY TAFT

Portland, Ore., Aug. 24.—Just before his departure from Portland former President William H. Taft, who was enroute today to San Francisco, declined to receive a party of Congressional union suffragists at his hotel on the plea of lack of time.

Mrs. Lee Davenport of this city led the delegation, which was composed of about a dozen women. At the hotel they took seats and sent up word to Mr. Taft that they had arrived and desired to lay before him their propaganda.

Mr. Taft sent back an answer, written in his own hand and couched in courteous terms, saying his schedule of engagements for the day was full and that he could not possibly receive the delegation. Mrs. Davenport sent up an insistent reply, but Mr. Taft stood firm. Finally the women left.

Chester Superintendent Quits.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 24.—The state board of administration accepted the resignation of Dr. George Knapp Farriss of Vienna as superintendent of the state hospital for the criminal insane at Chester and appointed Dr. Jerome L. Hartell of Norris City as his successor. Dr. Garriss resigns to resume his practice.

Berlin Gives War Secrets

More Documents Incriminating Russian Government Published.

Berlin, Aug. 24 (by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.).—The Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung has published further extracts from secret documents found by the Germans on taking possession of Ruzvick. The latest installment deals with the period of the Balkan wars. The Overseas News agency, in a summary given out for publication, says:

"Concerning Russia's policy, the Belgian minister to Berlin (Baron Beyens), in a letter written on Oct. 24, 1912, repeats statements made by Jules Cambon, then French ambassador at Berlin, writing as follows: 'The French minister, who apparently has special reasons for speaking as he does, told me repeatedly that the greatest danger to the maintenance of European peace was the lack of discipline and the personal conduct of Russian diplomats in foreign countries. They are all ardent pan-Slavists and they have largely to carry the burden of responsibility for present events. They will, without doubt, secretly instigate Russian intervention in the Balkan conflict.'"

"The same ambassador wrote, on April 4, 1913: 'The arrogance and contempt with which the Serbians receive the complaints of the Vienna government can be understood only by reason of the support they hope to find in St. Petersburg. The Serbian charge d'affaires here said recently that his government would not have maintained its attitude of the last six months without regard to Austrian representations if it had not been encouraged to do so by the Russian minister. Mr. Hartwig, a diplomat of Jewish blood.'"

VILLA CABINET IS CLOSE TO REVOLT

Said Some of His Generals Will Oppose Peace Plan and Attempt to Overthrow Chief.

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 24.—Villa's government is facing a crisis, according to persons who recently arrived from Mexico.

When Villa discussed peace proposals with General Scott two weeks ago, it is pointed out by observers, his headquarters at Chihuahua and Torreon were filled with wounded, more than 7,000 soldiers having been treated in those cities up to the end of July, and 3,000 others being cared for in the rude improvised hospitals south of Chihuahua.

With the arrival of General Canute Reyes and 12,000 men at Torreon and the consequent apparent improvement in the Villa cause, it is predicted by men who are in close touch with Villa leaders that some of his generals will oppose the peace plan and attempt to overthrow the Villa cabinet.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The Villa agency has issued a statement today saying it had received details of the fighting recently at Camaleon which found the Carranza forces suffered a severe double defeat and sustained heavy losses. The railroad between Laredo and Monterey had been cut, the statement added.

SUN AND MOON SHINE LIKE BALLS OF FIRE

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 24.—The blanket of smoke overhanging western Washington and British Columbia is so thick that the sun and moon shine like red balls of fire, casting no shadows. Mariners feel their way cautiously and fog horns are blown constantly. Tourists complain of the obscuring of the scenery and the smoke irritates the eyes of all inhabitants. Yet the state fire warden and the director of the state forest fire association say that the total loss by forest fires in the season now ending will be less than in any year during the history of the state. The government forests have escaped altogether.

British Columbia has had a worse fire season than usual and there has been some loss of life. The war has resulted in diminishing the government fire fighting force and reduced the supply of volunteers available to fight outbreaks of flame. It was reported today that all of the British Columbia fires were under control.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AMERICANS ABROAD

New York, Aug. 24.—Soldiers of the French army have arranged for the establishment in Paris of three scholarships for Americans to be endowed and perpetuated as a monument of gratitude for the sympathy which America has shown to France during the war and as an evidence of their appreciation of the work of the La Fayette fund. News of this action was received at the headquarters of the fund in this city today.

The scholarships are in music, art and sculpture and will be known as the La Fayette fund scholarships of the army.

RUSS REPORT ADDS TO LOSS FOR TEUTONS

Claimed That Another Cruiser Is Put Out of Action in Riga Battle.

NO WORD FROM BERLIN

Austro-German Armies Continue Advance, but Are Strongly Resisted.

Cologne, Aug. 24, (via London, 6:15 p. m.).—According to the Cologne Gazette the railways of Rumania have received orders to place all rolling stock at the disposition of the minister of war on Sept. 11.

London, Aug. 24, (11:40 a. m.).—The latest details concerning the Riga naval battle have failed to clear up the situation. Petrograd advices made it appear certain that the Germans met with a severe reverse, although official Berlin reports remain silent concerning the Russian claims.

The Russians now state that an additional cruiser must be added to those already reported sunk or put out of action. Whether the German battle cruiser attacked by a British submarine was sunk remains to be told, the official report from Petrograd having given no details beyond stating that she was torpedoed.

Except for the report from the marine ministry at Paris concerning the sinking of a German patrol boat off Ostend, which is admitted by Berlin, no official news has been received of the results of the allied bombardment of German positions on the Belgian coast.

The Russian armies have not stopped the Austro-German advance, although they are compelling the central powers to fight for every step won. Severe encounters continue between Brest-Litovsk, but the Baltic campaign is making little progress, although a decisive stroke there by Field Marshal von Hindenburg has long been expected.

On the western front, with the exception of an infantry attack, which is said to have won for the French some German trenches in the Vosges, the warfare is marked by comparatively ineffectual artillery, bomb and mine combats.

French Claim Repulses.

Paris, Aug. 24, (2:25 p. m.).—French official statement: "Last night saw some artillery engagements in the sector north of Arras, between the Somme and the Oise and also in the Argonne. In the Vosges there were yesterday some very violent encounters on the heights east of the river Fecht and north of Schatzmannelle. The enemy found it impossible to recapture lost ground. They also were repulsed on the Barrenkopf and on the crest of Sonderbach."

JAPAN IS RUSHING MUNITION ORDERS

Foundries and Factories Receive Instructions to Hurry Production to Aid Allies.

Tokio, Aug. 24.—Premier Okuma and Minister of War Oka have paid a visit to NKKo to report to the emperor their plans for availing the nation's output of munitions in aid of Japan's allies in the war.

Orders have been dispatched to the foundries and factories of the empire that are engaged in the production of munitions to rush their work.

Rainsburgers Pardoned.

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 24.—Nathan and Frank Rainsburger, sentenced from Hardin county in 187 for the murder of Enoch Johnson to life imprisonment at Anamosa, were today pardoned by Governor Clark.

THE WEATHER

Forecast till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and vicinity.

Fair and somewhat cooler tonight. Wednesday fair, with slowly rising temperature.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 57. Highest yesterday, 82. Lowest last night, 56. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 6 miles per hour.

Precipitation, one.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 62; at 7 a. m., 89; at 1 p. m. today, 65.

Stage of water, 8.2; at fall of 4 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

Russ Ship is Sunk by a Sub

Germans Assert Auxiliary Cruiser Is Destroyed at Entrance to Gulf.

Berlin, Aug. 24, (by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.).—The German admiralty today announced that a German submarine had torpedoed and sunk a Russian auxiliary ship at the entrance to the gulf of Finland.

Berlin, Aug. 24, (via London, 5:05 p. m.).—A hill at Kopytov, southwest of the Russian fortress of Brest-Litovsk, has been stormed by the Teutonic forces, according to an official statement given out today by the German army headquarters.

The statement adds: "The British fleet at Zeebrugge, Belgium, yesterday fired from 40 to 70 shots at our coastal fortifications. We had one killed and six wounded. There was no material damage."

"The French attacked our positions on Barrenkopf last evening, but were repulsed. Our battle aviators brought down a French biplane at Loo, southwest of Dixmude."

"In the east, during battles east and south of Kovno, we captured nine officers, 3,500 men and eight machine guns. The army of Prince Leopold of Bavaria defeated the Russians north-east and southeast of Kleszele, the pursuit reaching the Bialowieska forest. We took 4,500 prisoners and nine machine guns. The enemy evacuated his positions before the troops under Field Marshal von Mackensen advancing across the Pulva and Bug rivers, east of the mouth of Pulva."

GILBERT WRECKS FIVE AEROPLANES

French Aviator Does Much Destruction to Enemy Before Falling in Swiss Territory.

Paris, Aug. 24.—Eugene Gilbert, the French aviator, brought down five German aeroplanes before he was compelled by an accident to his motor to land on Swiss territory last June. Since his escape from Switzerland and his arrival in Paris on Sunday night he has been treated as a popular hero.

When first interned in Switzerland Gilbert gave his word not to attempt to escape. The enforced illness preyed upon his mind, however, and he took back his promise and seized the first opportunity to get away. A friend provided him with a disguise.

GEORGE BLAND HELD AT THE COUNTY JAIL

George Bland, colored, was arrested last evening on an information charging that he has been practicing as a veterinary surgeon without a license.

It is said that the papers were sworn out after the death of a horse in East Moline. Bland spent the night in the East Moline jail and this morning was taken to county jail. He is to be given a hearing in the morning.

DAVENPORT POLICE GET BLACKHANDERS

Four years ago at Coal City, Ill., Benl Scaturro, operating a grocery store, received a black hand letter demanding \$500. Since that time Scaturro has been operating a grocery store in Bettendorf. Yesterday his cousin, Sam Labatino, overheard three roomers at the Scaturro home plotting to kill Scaturro. Sam and Dave Campa, brothers, were arrested, and are now lodged in the city jail at Davenport.

COUPLE IN JAIL FOR ILLEGAL USE OF BOAT

Ira Simmons and Mrs. Marie Evans were arraigned before Justice David Sears at Anamosa yesterday on a charge of occupying a houseboat without having secured a license for the craft. They were bound over to the grand jury on bonds of \$250 each and were brought to the county jail today to await trial. Both Simmons and Mrs. Evans are married and were occupying a houseboat together on the shore of the river near Anamosa. State's Attorney Thompson prosecuted the case.

KILLS NEGRO TRYING TO ENTER HIS HOME

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 24.—When D. Jones, a negro who had been climbing a ladder with the apparent intention of entering the home of H. F. Meir for purposes of burglary last night, appeared above the sill of the second floor window, he was shot through the head and killed. Meir told the police he fired the shot.

EDWIN G. FOREMAN IS IN FRISCO HOSPITAL

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 24.—Edwin G. Foreman, banker, of Chicago is at a sanitarium here seriously ill and grave fears are entertained as to his recovery. Mr. Foreman was stricken last Monday while on a vacation with his family at Del Monte, Cal. He is president of Foreman Bros. bank and a director in the Corn Exchange bank, Chicago. He is also well known as a philanthropist.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT ASKS WASHINGTON TO AWAIT FULL FACTS ON SINKING OF ARABIC

NO ARABIC FACTS IN BERLIN PRESS

Fail to Tell About Sinking Circumstances, But Say Vessel Was Equipped for Battle.

Berlin, Aug. 24, (via London).—No further details concerning the sinking of the Arabic have been published here and Berlin papers refrain from comment on the situation resulting from that event.

The newspapers publish what purports to be a brief dispatch to the London Telegraph quoting Joseph P. Tamm, president Wilson's secretary, as saying that Americans are unitedly with the president and will, if necessary, offer their lives to maintain the inalienable rights of Americans on land and sea.

The Kreuz Zeitung says, "these inalienable rights, as is known, consist of using British passenger steamers."

Several papers publish the Arabic's manifest on a trip from New York to London beginning July 23 as contained in a report of the German-American chamber of commerce of New York. This report says that the Arabic "which was painted like a battleship, had 12 American guardian angels aboard."

The Lokal Anzeiger says that this report proves that the Arabic was equipped for battle and therefore not to be considered a harmless merchantman.

The Tages Zeitung heads the London Telegraph dispatch with the line "Wilson's secretary threatens."

THE WAR TODAY

Associated Press Summary.

A Russian auxiliary ship has been torpedoed and sunk at the entrance of the gulf of Finland, the German admiralty announces.

The Teutonic armies are closing in further on Brest-Litovsk, German army headquarters recording the capture of a hill at Kopytov, southwest of the Russian fortress.

Further progress by the Austro-Germans against the Russians in all the fields of operation except the district north of the Niemen, in the Baltic provinces, is claimed by Berlin.

The capture of 8,100 additional Russian prisoners and 17 more machine guns is reported.

The French have succeeded, despite many counterattacks by the Germans, in retaining the ground recently won on the heights in the Vosges, Paris claims.

The German army staff declares no material damage was done by the bombardment of Zeebrugge yesterday by a British fleet. The casualties of the Germans were one killed and six wounded.

BETTENDORF MAYOR'S CASE IS SETTLED UP

No criminal action is to be taken against W. O. Calvert, mayor of Bettendorf, who was brought to the police station at 3 o'clock Sunday morning after his collision with the delivery wagon of the Rock Island News agency, driven by Louis Andlich. Night Captain Kittelsen, who brought Calvert to the station for an investigation after the police had been summoned by the bridge guards after the smashup, declared today that no criminal complaint would be sworn to.

The investigation showed that the city action of Andlich for damages to himself and his rig would better solve the case. This side of the affair was declared to have been settled satisfactorily yesterday by Attorney A. W. Hamann of Davenport, representing Calvert.

PARALYZED IN FALL OFF FREIGHT TRAIN

Joe Lynch, 50 years of age, Princeton, Iowa, was perhaps fatally injured early this morning at the railroad yards at the river front in Davenport, when he fell from the top of a box car. He slung on his spine, and was paralyzed by the shock. He is now lying at the Mercy hospital in Davenport in serious condition. Lynch was "bumming" his way west on a Milwaukee freight train.

ATTACK RESTAURANT MAN; TWO ARE FINED

Don Jefferson Bailey and Fred Struck, arrested yesterday for attacking the proprietor of a Moline restaurant after eating a meal there and refusing to pay for it were given jail sentences after a hearing before Magistrate Frank Gustafson in Moline police court this morning. Bailey will spend ten days in the county jail, while Struck will be there two days. They are charged with beating the restaurant man, knocking out two of his teeth.

Motion Denied.

Motion for an immediate trial for Charles Carrington, colored, charged with the murder of Lester Nesbit, was denied by Judge W. T. Church in district court this afternoon.